(c) whether these plants have effective waste disposal plants which prevent Radioactive hazards;

(d) whether it is a fact that the waste material is stored close to Periyar which was providing drinking water to Cochin; and

(e) if so, what action is taken to prevent harmful effect of these Radiations on human health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of Recommendations of Mehrotra Committee

3643. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1884 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 1987 and state the number of States who have agreed to implement the recommendations of the Mehrotra Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): According to information available so far, the Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Tamilnadu have agreed to implement the scheme of revision of pay scales of University and College teachers, communicated by the Central Government on June 17, 1987.

Telephones in the Villages of Madhya Pradesh

3644. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Madhya Pradesh having population of more than 5000 which have no telephone facility;

(b) whether Government have prepared a plan to provide telephone connection at least to the bigger villages within a definite time-frame; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when these will be provided at least public calls offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) 'NIL'. All the villages having population of more than 5000, as per 1971 Census, have been provided with telephone facilities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the 7th Plan it was proposed to provide telecom. facility on fully subsidised basis at the principal village in every inhabited geographical area bounded by a hexagon of 5 km. side. But due to the curtailment of funds it was decided that 1|3rd of such villages which are not having telephone facility, may be provided with telephone facility during the 7th Five Year Plan. Out of 6103 inhabited hexagons in Madhya Pradesh, 2836 hexagons had been covered upto 31-3-1985 leaving 3267, 1|3rd of which *i.e.* 1100 are targetted to be covered upto 31-3-90.

Performance of N.C.E.R.T.

3645. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the 'Seminar' organised by the 'Federation of Publishers and Book-sellers Association of India' and the educationists present there, voiced their concern over the performance of the N.C.E.R.T. in regard to publishing and distribution of text books; and